

CONGRATULATING CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL ON COMPETING IN THE FINALS OF THE 2021 AMERICAN ROCKET CHALLENGE

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Camas High School for its exemplary achievements in the 2021 American Rocketry Challenge. The Camas High School team qualified for the National Finals and competed at the highest level against other high schools across the country.

I am so proud of our students for pursuing their passions in STEM and dedicating their extra-curricular time to learning and innovating. The American Rocketry Challenge allowed the students to design, build, and launch model rockets, which exposed the team to different forms of engineering, problem solving, and teamwork. And of course, the product of all their hard work was that they reached new heights that I'm sure many thought wasn't possible. It always amazes me what our high school students are able to accomplish.

Congratulations to our Camas High School team for earning this great honor. I would like to thank the students, teachers, and parents for their commitment to STEM education in Southwest Washington.

RECOGNIZING SAMANTHA AND ALEXANDER EDWARDS' ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, one of the great honors that I have as a United States Congressman is to nominate young adults from my District for admission to our Nation's service academies, and during my time in Congress I have become acquainted with many fine young persons who have sought a nomination to one of the service academies. Today, I rise to give recognition to two such young persons who are my constituents, Samantha Scott Edwards and Alexander Thompson Edwards, from Mercer Island, Washington.

In 2018, I nominated Samantha to the United States Military Academy Class of 2022, and this spring I nominated Samantha's brother Alex to the United States Military Academy Class of 2025. This coming academic year Samantha will be a senior at West Point, while Alex will be a freshman plebe, and both Alex and Samantha will be competing on the West Point varsity swim team. While it is not unusual for West Point cadets to have relatives who have attended West Point, it is uncommon for a brother and sister to attend West Point at the same time, let alone compete on the same athletic team.

Samantha and Alex are incredibly talented in the pool and classroom and both have been named as Academic All Americans by USA Swimming.

Samantha now holds two West Point records in relay events and is in the all-time

Academy top 10 rankings for her individual times in the 100 yard and 200 yard freestyle events. For her Senior year at West Point, Samantha has been appointed as a Team Academic Mentor, which is a recognition of Samantha's own scholarship as well as her ability to provide scholastic mentorship to other team members.

In addition to earning Academic All-American status from USA Swimming for his scholastic achievements, Alex served as Captain of his high school swim team and received his high school's 2020 "Excellence in Elective Studies in History" Award. In recognition of his accomplishments in the pool, the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association has twice designated Alex as an All-American swimmer.

As their Congressman and Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I am pleased that Alex and Samantha have each chosen to attend West Point to become officers in the United States Army. Given their academic achievements, as well as their athletic talents, these outstanding young adults could have gone to any number of fine universities—that they have chosen to attend West Point and serve our Nation's Armed Forces speaks volumes about their character and commitment.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Samantha and Alex. I am proud they are my constituents, look forward to great things from them, and wish them the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the American Physical Therapy Association.

The APTA is the leading professional membership organization for the physical therapy profession, with a mission to build a community that advances the profession and improves the health of society.

As the predecessors to modern-day physical therapists, reconstruction aides were strong women who played an integral role in the recovery of many soldiers during World War I. Through their work, they demonstrated the value of the physical therapy and the impact it would have in the future of American healthcare.

The vision of the physical therapy profession is to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience. The efforts to launch a physical therapy education program began in 1960, with the first two classes of physical therapist assistants entering the workforce in 1969. Throughout its history, physical therapy has had a role in military hospitals, on the response team during the polio epidemic, and is currently helping those recovering from the novel coronavirus.

The work of a physical therapist spans many settings, from hospitals to homes, schools to veteran facilities. Physical therapy has been effective at reducing pain and being a first-line approach that has assisted count-

less Americans. During these difficult times, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants have faced their challenges head on, treating the most vulnerable and working with those recovering from the severe effects of COVID-19.

Please join me in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the American Physical Therapy Association.

REMEMBERING DR. SAMUEL L. MYERS, SR.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, my district, the State of Maryland, and our country have lost an extraordinary citizen, an outstanding contributor to education and leader for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Dr. Samuel L. Myers, who was a trailblazer for equality and a pioneer in economics and higher education, passed away at the age of 101 on January 8 and will be remembered at a memorial service later this month. I was honored to know him and work closely with him over the years to advance the important causes he championed.

Born in Baltimore, Dr. Myers was the son of Jamaican immigrants and grew up in a home that strongly valued education and public service. After earning his undergraduate degree in 1940 from Morgan State University and a master's degree from Boston University in 1942—both in economics—he was drafted into the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Captain while serving in the Pacific Theater. At the time, of course, our military was segregated, and Dr. Myers was a trailblazer in speaking out against the injustices facing African-American servicemembers, risking court martial. Following his honorable discharge from service in 1946, he studied at Harvard University and completed his doctorate in economics in 1949, studying with some of the most renowned scholars at that time, including John Kenneth Galbraith.

As an economist, Dr. Myers focused on inequalities and the effects of segregation on African-American businesses and families. That interest led him into government service, and he worked as a research economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics while teaching at his alma mater of Morgan State. Recognizing his leadership abilities and his deep commitment to education, Bowie State University selected him as its fourth president in 1968. During his tenure, which lasted until 1977, Dr. Myers reshaped Maryland's oldest HBCU and laid the groundwork for its success, preparing graduates to seize the opportunities of our twenty-first century economy. While pioneering the launch of computer science programs and new educational practices, he worked to secure funding for new buildings to replace those that were crumbling and dilapidated, and he supported students who had protested against unfair budgets that disadvantaged historically African-American campuses in Maryland and nationwide.

In 1977, Dr. Myers stepped down as President of Bowie State University but continued his passionate commitment to HBCUs. He became President of the National Association for